Governor Carney Urges Delawareans with Health Care, Child Care Experience to Assist in COVID-19 Response

Community call-to-action issued for workforce support

WILMINGTON, Del. — Governor John Carney expanded his <u>community</u> <u>call-to-action</u> on Saturday morning, urging all Delaware citizens with health care and child care experience to offer their expertise in Delaware's fight against COVID-19.

Last week, Governor Carney <u>urged</u> citizens, businesses and nonprofits with access to emergency materials and supplies to support Delaware's response.

The State of Delaware has launched an online <u>application</u> <u>portal</u> at <u>de.gov/coronavirus</u> to recruit Delawareans with health care and early education credentials to fill critical positions in our health care and emergency child care workforce.

<u>Click here</u> if you can offer to work in health care, child care, or early education.

"We need all Delaware citizens, businesses, and nonprofits to support Delaware's response to COVID-19," said Governor Carney. "If you have experience in health care or child care especially, please sign up at de.gov/coronavirus and help us fill critical positions. Thank you to all of Delaware's health care workers who have been on the front lines, risking their own health and safety to protect others. Thank you to Delaware's child care workers, our grocery store employees,

teachers, and all Delawareans who are stepping up for their neighbors during this difficult time. We'll get through this, but it will take all of us."

If you are looking for ways to support Delaware's response — and specifically if you have expertise in areas of medicine, public health, and/or behavioral health — please apply through the online workforce portal. Applications will be reviewed by the Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) and shared with institutions in need across Delaware. Anyone who is licensed or certified to work in child care or education is also encouraged to submit their information for potential temporary employment by emergency child care sites. Applications will be reviewed by Delaware's Office of Early Learning.

The community call-to-action also reminds Delawareans that donations of cleaning supplies and other items for emergency child care sites are urgently needed.

<u>Click here</u> if you are a citizen, business or nonprofit with materials and supplies to support Delaware's response.

Critical needs include:

- Hand sanitizer
- Sanitizing Wipes
- Nitrile Gloves
- Tyvek Suits
- N95 Masks
- Face shields and/or eye protection
- Impermeable gowns

Delawareans with questions about COVID-19, related to medical or social service needs, should call 2-1-1; or 7-1-1 for individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday; and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the weekends. Questions may also be

submitted by email at DPHCall@delaware.gov.

DPH will continue to update the public as more information becomes available. For the latest on Delaware's response, visit: de.gov/coronavirus.

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